

## **Amendments to the Claims:**

1. (Currently amended) An assembly comprising:

a tubeless tire mounted on a mounting rim, the tubeless tire having two beads designed to cooperate with the mounting rim comprising edges for limiting an axial distance between the beads of the tire, the tubeless tire having furthermore a crown and sidewalls connecting the beads to the crown, the tubeless tire defining with the mounting rim a cavity; and

a toric body placed in said cavity and defining, when the tubeless tire is inflated, an inner cavity inside said toric body and an outer cavity with the tubeless tire, the inner and outer cavities intercommunicating in such a way that the toric body is not subject to any inflation force in normal use when the tubeless tire is inflated to [[a]] its utilization pressure in an absence of a puncture in the tubeless tire, said toric body comprising a skin, of resilient elastomeric material capable of deformation, reinforced by a carcass reinforcement anchored to two inextensible circumferential reinforcement structures, whose internal diameter is less than a maximum diameter of the mounting rim, the carcass reinforcement being capable of withstanding forces applied by an inflation pressure equal to a rated inflation pressure of the tubeless tire inside which said toric body is placed,

wherein in the presence of a puncture in the tubeless tire, the skin deforms, at least locally and virtually instantaneously, in order to block at least temporarily the puncture so as to limit, at least temporarily, the loss of inflation pressure in the outer cavity between the tubeless tire and said toric body, and to ensure transition to a state of equilibrium in which said toric body is deformed and serves as a support for the tubeless tire after complete loss of pressure in the outer cavity;

wherein said toric body comprises a framework placed inside said toric body and independent of said toric body, said framework having the function of causing said toric body to adopt a form defining an inner cavity volume at least equal to one third of a maximum cavity volume defined by the tubeless tire and the mounting rim; and

wherein the framework comprises at least one circumferential ring band of a rigidity appropriate for imparting to said toric body a circumferential length appropriate to said toric body and a plurality of bows firmly connected to said at least one circumferential ring band, said plurality of bows imparting their shape to said toric body in a direction parallel to the direction of the axis of rotation of the tire and rim assembly transverse to the at least one circumferential ring band, wherein each of the plural bows comprises a central part extending in a direction parallel to the direction of the axis of rotation of the tire and rim assembly and a rounded part at each of its axial ends to avoid damaging the toric body with the ends.

2. (Previously Presented) The assembly according to claim 1, wherein said toric body is a closed torus provided with at least one opening for communication between the inner and outer cavities.

3. (Previously Presented) The assembly according to claim 1, wherein said toric body is a torus which is open substantially axially between inextensible circumferential reinforcement structures of said toric body.

4. (Previously Presented) The assembly according to claim 1, wherein the carcass reinforcement of said toric body comprises at least two plies each formed of a plurality of

reinforcement elements, in the form of textile cords or cables, forming, in a radially outermost part of said toric body, angles of at least 25° with a circumferential direction, the plurality of reinforcement elements of the at least two plies being crossed over one another.

5. (Previously Presented) The assembly according to claim 4, wherein the reinforcements of the carcass reinforcement of said toric body are cords or cables of aromatic polyamide.

6. (Previously Presented) The assembly according to claim 1, wherein said toric body comprises a crown part radially towards an outside, said crown part comprising a reinforcement structure formed of a plurality of reinforcements in the form of continuous or discontinuous cords or cables.

7. (Previously Presented) The assembly according to claim 6, wherein the reinforcement structure of the crown part of said toric body comprises a plurality of reinforcements disposed in a direction forming an angle of at most 10° with a circumferential direction.

8.-21. (Cancelled).